



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Mount Bullion Conservation Camp - Water Improvement Project		
PROJECT LOCATION	Mount Bullion Conservation Camp 5730 Mount Bullion Access Road Mariposa, CA 95338	COUNTY	Mariposa
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project involves a series of improvements to upgrade the potable water system at an existing conservation camp facility. One or possibly two new wells will be drilled, a pipe system (400 feet long) will be constructed to connect the new wells to the existing water and electrical systems, two new water storage tanks will be constructed adjacent to the existing tanks, a water purification system (treatment plant) will be constructed adjacent to water tanks, and a 100-foot dirt road will be constructed to provide vehicle access to the tank farm and water treatment plant.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 1 § 15301 Minor Alteration of Existing Public Facilities
Class 4 § 15304 Minor Alteration of Land
- ☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- ☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits within the descriptions of Class 1 and 4 Categorical Exemptions to CEQA pertaining to minor alterations to existing public facilities and minor alterations to land. Portions of the project areas will take place upon disturbed sites from previous system construction which reduces the risk of environmental impact. Other areas were carefully inspected by the CAL FIRE Unit Forester and Environmental Coordinator. CAL FIRE has determined that this project is exempt and that no significant environmental impacts will occur. Prior to making this determination, the CAL FIRE Unit completed a limited environmental review to confirm that no unusual conditions or sensitive resources exist at the project site. Documentation of this environmental review is on file at Unit Headquarters in Mariposa and at CAL FIRE Headquarters in Sacramento.

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